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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006, please reconsider the patentability of the pending claims based on the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Vo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,256,612), which was previously cited as prior art to the claimed invention in the January 2, 2004 Office Action. In response to that Office Action, Applicant disqualified Vo et al. as prior art by establishing an earlier priority date than Vo by submitting a Certified English Translation of Applicant's Priority Document on April 2, 2004, thereby establishing a priority date of October 21, 1998, earlier than the effective 102(e) date of Vo.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.